

H. R. 734.

[No Report.]

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

JANUARY 24, 1849.

Read twice, and committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

Mr. HUNT, from the Committee on Commerce, reported the following bill:

A BILL

To extend the revenue laws of the United States over the territory and waters of Upper California, and to create a collection district therein.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Repre-*
2 *sentatives of the United States of America in Congress*
3 *assembled,* That the revenue laws of the United States
4 be, and are hereby, extended to and over the main land
5 and waters of all that portion of territory ceded to the
6 United States by the "treaty of peace, friendship, and
7 limits between the United States of America and the
8 Mexican republic," concluded on the second day of Feb-
9 ruary, in the year eighteen hundred and forty-eight, here-
10 tofore designated and known as Upper California.

1 SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That all the
 2 ports, harbors, bays, rivers, and waters of the main land of
 3 the territory of Upper California shall constitute a collec-
 4 tion district by the name of Upper California, and a port
 5 of entry shall be, and is hereby, established for said dis-
 6 trict at San Francisco, on the bay of San Francisco, and
 7 a collector of the customs shall be appointed by the
 8 President of the United States, by and with the advice
 9 and consent of the Senate, to reside at said port of entry.

1 SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted,* That ports of
 2 delivery shall be, and are hereby, established in the collec-
 3 tion district aforesaid, at San Diego, Monterey, and at some
 4 convenient point within the territory of the United States,
 5 to be selected by the Secretary of the Treasury, as near
 6 as may be to the junction of the rivers Gila and Colorado,
 7 at the head of the Gulf of California. And the collector
 8 of the said district of California is hereby authorized to
 9 appoint, with the approbation of the Secretary of the
 10 Treasury, three deputy collectors, to be stationed at the
 11 ports of delivery aforesaid.

1 SEC. 4. *And be it further enacted,* That the collec-
 2 tor of said district shall be allowed a compensation of
 3 fifteen hundred dollars per annum, and the fees and com-
 4 missions allowed by law; and the said deputy collectors
 5 shall each be allowed a compensation of one thousand

6 dollars per annum, and the fees and commissions allowed
7 by law.

1 **SEC. 5.** *And be it further enacted,* That, until other-
2 wise provided by law, all violations of the revenue laws
3 of the United States, committed within the district of
4 Upper California, shall be prosecuted in the district court
5 of Louisiana, or the supreme court of Oregon, which
6 courts shall have original jurisdiction and may take cog-
7 nizance of all cases arising under the revenue laws in the
8 said district of Upper California, and shall proceed therein
9 in the same manner and with the like effect as if such
10 cases had arisen within the district or territory where the
11 prosecution shall be brought.

1 **SEC. 6.** *And be it further enacted,* That this act shall
2 take effect from and after the tenth day of March next.